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# Copyright Committee

## Mandate

This committee was originally set up in response to the tabling of draft copyright amendment legislation in 1988. Its primary mandate is to present the concerns of law libraries on copyright issues to the government and parliament of Canada. It prepares briefs to represent the views of the Association, presents these to the government and circulates them as widely as appropriate. The committee has provided input to advisory bodies and liaises with other organizations to promote the views of the Association and to share information. It has also worked with CALL/ACBD's Executive on the two occasions the Association has acted as an intervener at the Supreme Court of Canada.

The Committee's reports and briefs are published in the *Canadian Law Libraries Review*. The committee also provides articles and information bulletins on copyright issues to Association members.

## On-Going Work/Concerns

In 2018 CALL/ACBD submitted two briefs to assist the Standing Committee on Industry, Science, and Technology review of the *Copyright Act*, RSC 1985, c C-42, with particular focus on whether copyright subsisted in "primary law". Kim Nayyer, then co-chair of the Copyright Committee, testified before the Standing Committee regarding interlibrary loans, fair dealing, overriding licence provisions, and crown copyright (section 12).

In 2019 CALL/ACBD acted as an intervener in *Keatley Surveying Ltd. v. Teranet Inc.*, 2019 SCC 43, the central issue of which was "the scope and application of Crown copyright."

In 2021 CALL/ACBD acted as an intervener in *York University v. Canadian Copyright Licensing Agency (Access Copyright)*, 2021 SCC 32, which related to fair dealing.